the chastest taste. Thirty millions are just borrowed for the purpose of building a new bridge at the Palais Bourbon, making a new quay and demolishing the houses on the bridges.

I find the environs more agreeable than ever I did, as I have horses here, and ride out frequently. On foot, or in a carriage, is quite another thing, for the distance one can reach is not sufficient to get out of dirt and dust.

I have not been to Court yet, as the King is at Compiegne, and the Queen lives retired at Trianon; but I shall be presented before the voyage de Fontainebleau, and have already been to Versailles to deliver my letters, and dined with Mr. Eden, our minister for the commercial treaty. There are English here, but none of any note or of my acquaintance.

I have been with M. de la Borde to see Monsieur Vaillant's collection of stuffed African birds. He travelled among the Hottentots, and has brought home the skin of a cameleopard, which is fawn colour, with white crosses.

Dupaty has got into a scrape with the Parliament for attacking the criminal jurisprudence in

general, on account of three men condemned to the wheel, who axe asserted by him to be innocent.

This affair will come on after the vacation, and in